

***Amendments to the Claims***

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A latch circuit, comprising:

a bistable pair of transistors with both transistors connected directly between a reset switch and a ~~first~~ node, and having a first port for receiving a first current signal and producing a first output voltage, and a second port for receiving a second current signal and producing a second output voltage; and

a vertical latch ~~having~~ including a first transistor ~~connected directly to~~ and a second transistor, each of said first transistor and said second transistor connected directly to said first node, having a control terminal, a first non-control terminal, and a second non-control terminal, said control terminal of said first transistor connected directly to a second node, said first transistor connected to non-control terminal of said second transistor at said first port so that, when said first transistor is turned on, a current flows through said first transistor and said first port, said control terminal of said second transistor connected directly to said first non-control terminal of said first transistor, and said second non-control terminal of said first transistor connected directly to said node, wherein said first transistor is a first type, said second transistor is a second type, and said first type is different from said second type.

2. (Previously Presented) The latch circuit of claim 1, wherein said first transistor is a MOSFET.

3. (Original) The latch circuit of claim 1, wherein said reset switch is a microelectromechanical reset switch.
4. (Previously Presented) The latch circuit of claim 1, wherein said vertical latch is for decreasing the time necessary for said first port to reach a steady state voltage in response to said first current signal received.
5. (Original) The latch circuit of claim 1, further comprising a vertical latch reset switch connected to said vertical latch.
6. (Currently Amended) The latch circuit of claim 1, further comprising a second vertical latch connected ~~between said first~~ to said node and ~~said second node, and connected to said~~ second port.
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